

NOTABLE YEAR IN HISTORY OF CITY

Record of 1906 Shows Splendid Advances Along Many Lines.

PROGRESS REAL; PROSPECT BRIGHT

Movement for Greater Richmond Now to Follow and New Year Promises Even More Than Review of the Past Displays.

Prosperity Shown By Bank Clearings

Nothing shows more strikingly the phenomenal increase of the city's business along all lines—manufacturing, jobbing and retail business—than the statement of bank clearings for the year and those for the two next preceding years. The figures, just compiled by Mr. J. W. Binton, secretary of the Clearing House Association, make the following statement of bank clearings for the three years named:

Year	Clearings
1906	\$303,437,210
1905	259,998,233
1904	239,611,040

Increase for 1906 over 1905, \$43,438,977, or about sixteen per cent. Increase for 1906 over 1904, \$63,826,170, or about twenty-five per cent.

The figures, showing the banking business of the city, speak for themselves, and their voice is eloquent in proclaiming the financial standing of Richmond and its enormous business.

The year 1907, the one-hundredth-and-seventeenth of the existence of Richmond, finds the city larger, more prosperous and more progressive than any other period of its long and eventful history. The record of the year 1906 is but an epitome of progress from the first day to the last, and along every line. Without the slightest suggestion of artificial inflation of values or any of the excitement attending speculative booms, the capital of the Commonwealth of Virginia has advanced steadily and rapidly, and in every respect the last year has been one of unparalleled prosperity. The population of the city exceeds 100,000, without including a considerable number residing in its environs; and, indeed, so rapid has the normal increase of its residents been that it is already a problem to find homes for the new-comers. Despite a remarkable record in the building of residences and flats and apartment houses, desirable rental property is so scarce that there is little choice, and home-seekers must in many cases engage residences long before they are completed.

It is almost a maxim among political economists and students of industrial problems that iron and steel are the barometers of industry and trade, and unerringly indicate the prosperity or the dullness of business generally. It is likewise true that the postal receipts of a community are a sure indication of its status, and when these are increased there is indisputable evidence that population, business and industry have advanced. Applying both tests to this city, Richmond is at the high-tide of prosperity as a city. Her steel and iron industries were never more prosperous, according to their own frank statements and the fact that it has been found necessary to increase capital to handle the demands for products, and orders are already in hand for work that will require months of the new-born year. The figures furnished by the local post-office conclusively indicate advance along every line of business and industry, showing a substantial increase in the stamp sales and in the volume of incoming mail.

Still another test may be applied. The banks and financial institutions of the city show substantial increases in the amount of deposits and in the value of business done. Indeed, so much money is being accumulated that others have been induced by the opportunities of profit offered to venture into banking, and the new institutions and those enlarged are doing a thriving business. All branches of trade do business at the banks, and the showing of the latter is an evidence of the prosperity of all lines of enterprise. Conservatism has marked all avenues of industry and trade, and the growth of all has been stable and normal, rather than stimulated and artificially expanded.

MOVEMENT FOR GREATER RICHMOND.

The story of the year in the life of this city is a formidable one and an inclusive chronicle, in which it is difficult to differentiate the several subjects or to consider one phase of municipal life apart from others. Perhaps it is natural and best to review the work of the municipal corporation itself, and to show what the city government has done in legislation of various classes affecting the population, and particularly in expenditures, which add to the assets of the city and provide additional urban facilities to the citizens.

At a rough estimate the city has expended, or is preparing to expend, more than two millions of dollars in public improvements during the year. Some of this is payable out of the city treasury, but the greater part is out of the pockets of the citizens. The city has expended, or is preparing to expend, more than two millions of dollars in public improvements during the year. Some of this is payable out of the city treasury, but the greater part is out of the pockets of the citizens.

OVER FIFTY DEAD; OTHERS MAY DIE

Sunday Night's Wreck at Terra-Cotta Grows in Magnitude.

HEARTRENDING SCENES AT MORGUE

Women, Girls and Men With Iron Nerve Sob and Faint as Friends Are Found—The Engineer Seems to Have Been Responsible.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 31.—The Baltimore and Ohio wreck at Terra-Cotta last night grows in magnitude as the hours pass. The most conservative estimate of the dead to-night is fifty-two, with three scores of injured in the hospitals or at their homes, suffering from wounds and fractures sustained in the crash. The collision which completely demolished the two day coaches and the smoker attached to the local Frederick (Md.) train No. 66. Several of the most seriously injured are expected to die, and the death list may reach sixty or more.

Heartrending and pitiful were the scenes at the city morgue to-day, where hundreds of persons flocked to assist the police in the identification of the dead. Women, girls and even men with iron nerve sobbed and fainted as their relatives were found among the corpses strewn about the floor.

Making an Investigation. Officials of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad are conducting an investigation of the wreck in Baltimore for the purpose of placing the responsibility for the disaster. General Superintendent Todd exonerated Milton W. Phillips, the operator at the Takoma block station, the last signal station that the equipment train passed before crashing into the passenger train at Terra-Cotta. The superintendent declared that Phillips was obeying instructions when he went home at 6:30 o'clock, leaving the "double green" signal burning. While making no positive charge, Superintendent Todd intimated that the burden of the blame would fall upon the engineer and crew of the extra. The five members of the crew, who were arrested shortly after the accident, are now being held to await the result of the official investigation. They are:

Harry H. Hildebrand, engineer; Ira C. McClelland, fireman; Frank F. Hoffmeyer, conductor; Ralph Butler, brakeman; and William A. Norris, baggage-master.

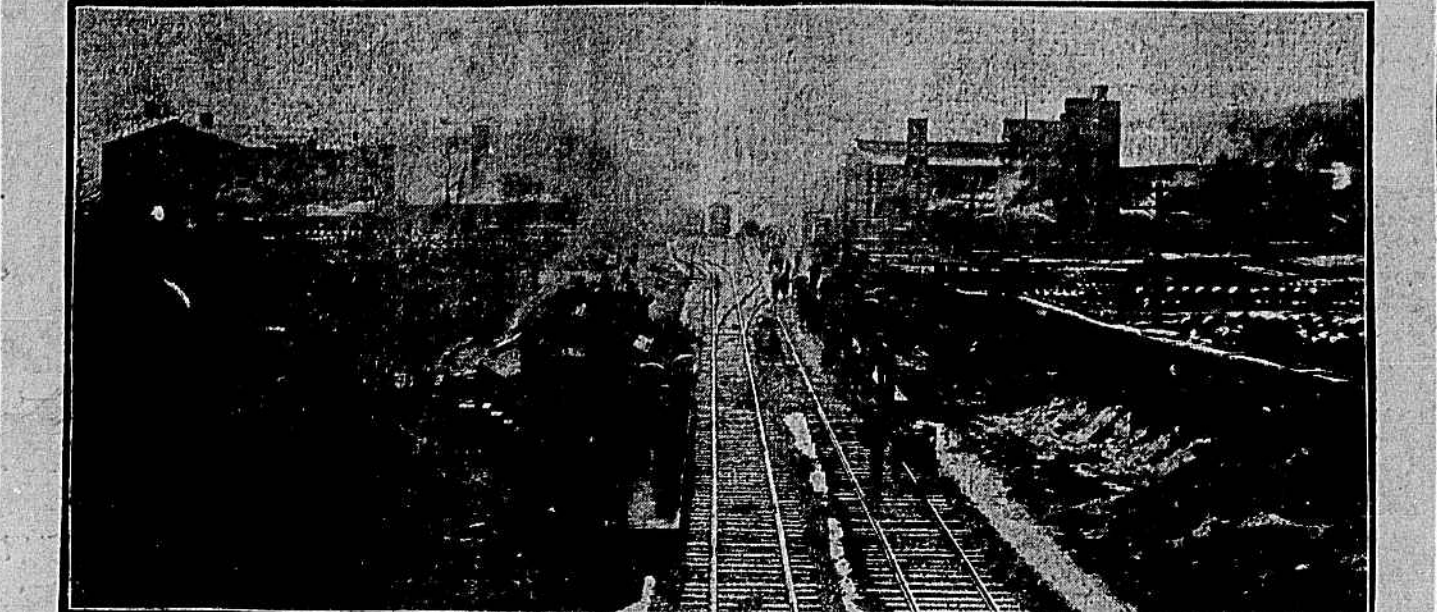
Did Not See Signal. Gazing vacantly between the iron bars of his cell at the police station, Engineer Hildebrand is too full of emotion to make any definite statement. "It will all come out at the investigation," he said; "I don't believe that there is anything for me to say, and I couldn't say it if there was."

Before he was arrested the engineer made a statement to the Associated Press, in which he declared that if the danger signal light was displayed at Takoma he failed to see it on account of the fog.

Milton W. Phillips, the operator, who is also held a prisoner at the Tenth Precinct Station, said to-day that the equipment train ran past his danger signal at a speed of from fifty to sixty miles.

He says there was a heavy fog, but not enough to hide a red light. He declares that he immediately notified the operator at University Station that the train had taken the block against orders. His statement is corroborated by the University Station operator, who says he received the message from Phillips at 6:30 o'clock. The operator at University Station, who is also held a prisoner at the Tenth Precinct Station, said to-day that the equipment train ran past his danger signal at a speed of from fifty to sixty miles.

SCENES AT THE FRIGHTFUL WRECK OF SUNDAY ON THE BALTIMORE & OHIO, NEAR WASHINGTON



These photographs were taken at the scene of the wreck yesterday morning.

Revised List of Dead in Terra Cotta Wreck

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 31.—The following is a revised list of the dead in the wreck at Terra Cotta last night:

Austin, Fannie, negro, Washington.
Baldwin, Mary E., 36, Washington.
Baldwin, Lewis W., about 45 years, East Orange, N. J.
Barnes, Mrs. L. A., Terra Cotta, D. C.
Belt, Dr. E. Oliver, 45 years, Washington, chief surgeon of the Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital and surgeon for Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.
Belt, Edward, aged 6, son of Dr. Belt.
Belt, St. Clair, son of Dr. Belt, 4 years.
Bohrer, Miss Corinne M., 19 years, Washington, a milliner.
Bohrer, Mary Alice, 44 years, Garrett Park, Md.
Bond, J. A., address unknown.
Bond, S. L., address unknown.
Brown, Commodore P., composer government printing office.
Butts, Mrs. Sally, 39 years old, wife of J. Frank Butts, of the Washington Health Department.
Chase, Mrs. Frank R., and infant child, South Brookland.
Caher, Mrs. Mary A., identified by a diamond ring.
Cole, Miss Nellie, York, Pa.
Compher, Nettie Lee, Washington.
Cook, Mrs. Mary, Washington.
Cook, infant child of Mrs. Mary Cook.
Cress, Miss Rosalie, Washington.
Cornwell, Carrie W.
Cunio, Annie, 6 years, Washington.
Cunio, Francis, 16 months, Washington.
Harris, Dr. E. G., Washington.
Dalley, Rev. Olin L., Newark, O.
Garrett, Edmund D., 45 years, Washington.
Higbie, Henry, Brookland, D. C.
Higbie, George, 7 years, son of Henry Higbie.
Kelley, T. A., Kensington, Md., engineer United States Capital.
King, Professor T. J., Kensington, Md., organist at Wesleyan M. B. Church, Washington and statistician of United States Naval Observatory.
Kolb, Lulu V., Washington.
Leigh, Frank, brakeman on Frederick train, Washington Junction.
Lippold, Mary, 30 years, Brookland, D. C., employee of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.
Lowe, A. Lee, Washington, clerk.
Metz, Thomas E., 22 years, Germantown, Md.
McGaghey, Loline, 15 years, non of J. A. McGaghey, chief clerk to General Superintendent Bent, of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Montee, Md.
Multican, Lucy Bell, Deanwood, D. C.
Merklind, Minnie B., 25 years, Washington.
Pearman, Mrs. D. G., address not given.
Reid, Elizabeth, 36 years, Washington.
Reeves, Miss, Takoma, D. C.
Reading, Miss Anna W., 23 years, Washington.
Rogers, Norman, 35 years, Marlon, Ind., local traffic manager for the Central Union Telephone Company.
Ruppert, —, Washington, merchant.

Sturgeon, Raymond, 16 months, Washington.
Sturgeon, Mabel, 20 years, Washington.
Wright, Magdalene (colored), Baltimore.
Wright, John (colored), Baltimore.
White, Otis, Brookland, D. C.
Unidentified negro man at Providence Hospital.



FATE OF ABATTOIR WITH COMMITTEE

Question of Granting Franchise in Hands of Charter, Ordinance and Reform Body.

CITIZENS ARE STIRRED UP

The people of Richmond, especially those living, doing business or owning property in the central part of the city, are thoroughly aroused over the proposition to grant Messrs. W. S. Forbes & Co. permission to establish an abattoir at Tenth and Byrd Streets.

While sympathizing with the desire of Mr. Forbes to establish a large enterprise, the people are firm in the belief that such an establishment will not be conducted near the heart of the city without proving a nuisance and a most offensive one at that. Expressions of this kind come to The Times-Dispatch from many quarters.

The fate of this measure, fraught with so much interest to the public, rests for the present at least with the Committee on Charter, Ordinances and Reform, which meets Thursday night to consider the granting of the franchise. The members of this committee, whose action will be awaited with so much anxiety, are Messrs. W. T. Dabney, T. H. Elliott, B. H. Grundy, James A. Monroe, C. D. Larus, John J. Lynch, Jacob Unlauf, Hunsdon Cary, James E. Cannon, C. P. Davis, W. L. White.

If citizens wish to prevent the establishment of the abattoir, these are the men to whom their views must be presented in order to be effective. The present fight involves much more than the franchise to Messrs. Forbes & Co., for it is thought that if this is granted it will merely be the entering wedge for institutions that are not desirable for the heart of a city.

There will be a general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock to receive and act upon the report of its Committee on Health and Sanitation on the granting of the abattoir franchise.

ASBESTOS PLANT BURNED BY SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION

CINCINNATI, OHIO, December 31.—The main building of the Hill, Carey and Company's asbestos plant, at Lockland, a suburb, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The loss is \$35,000. Bruce Van Zant, a millwright, was probably fatally burned. Spontaneous combustion is said to have caused the fire.

SHOTS WIFE AND DRINKS POISON

Young Petersburg Man Sends Four Bullets in Wife's Body.

USES RUSE TO BUY DRUG

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PETERSBURG, VA., December 31.—Emmett Poirch, a young workman, shot his wife four times at half-past 5 o'clock this afternoon, in the bedroom of Mrs. Agnes Vaiden, at No. 103 Lombard Street, and rushing to a drug store, purchased half an ounce of laudanum, which he drank on the street near by, and was promptly arrested by Policeman Dyson and taken to the station-house, where City Physician W. P. Hoy saved his life by heroic treatment. Three revolver bullets entered the back of the woman's head, a fourth grazing her shoulder. The brain was badly injured, a portion coming through the wounds.

Dr. W. C. Powell says he does not expect her to live through the night. The

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TO KILL MOTHER FOR GIRL'S LOVE

Miss Virginia Baker, of Winchester, Cause of Attempt on Her Mother's Life.

ARREST A. POWELL BROOKS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WINCHESTER, VA., December 31.—Declarin' that she had been the cause of the breaking of his engagement to her beautiful young daughter, A. Powell Brooks, a well-known young society man of Alexandria, Va., and the son of W. F. Brooks, of that city, made a deliberate attempt Saturday night to murder Mrs. Alexander M. Baker, wife of a prominent Winchester business man. It appears that young Brooks was engaged for a time to Miss Virginia C. Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baker, and known in half a dozen States for her beauty and attractiveness.

The Bakers and Mr. Brooks are prominent socially, and the affair has been the cause of a tremendous sensation. Mrs. Baker and her daughters are both well known in society in Washington, Baltimore and Richmond, where they frequently visit. The affair was kept secret until an early hour this morning, when young Brooks was arrested and taken to jail on a warrant charging assault with intent to kill. This evening he was arraigned before Magistrate Wilson.

Will Push Charge. Through his attorneys, Brooks waived preliminary examination and was committed to jail without bail to await action to the evidence. Mrs. Baker, who appears to be the grand jury, is expected to push the charge against the young man, which, if proven, is punishable by two to five years in the penitentiary.

Brooks has been on a protracted spree, and was at a hospital here, and according to the evidence, Mrs. Baker and her daughter went to the hospital Saturday night to visit young Brooks for the purpose of prevailing upon him to alter his conduct, and return to his home in Alexandria.

The mother and daughter were pleading with him, but Brooks suddenly drew from his dressing-gown a loaded revolver, and pointing the weapon directly at Mrs. Baker's head, pulled the trigger twice in rapid succession.

The weapon failed to explode, although it was found later that the cap of one cartridge was blown off. Brooks, who was seated near the bed, threw himself on young Brooks to shield her mother, at the same time seizing the infuriated man's arm.

Brooks Not Sorry. At this juncture a nurse, attracted by the noise and screams of the women, rushed into the room, and after a desperate

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NOTABLE EXHIBITS MADE BY THE MANUFACTURERS

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The exhibit of the manufacturers of Richmond for 1906 shows large gains over the preceding year's record. There is a marked increase in the value of business, as well as much larger annual sales. The only drawback seems to have been the inability to secure sufficient labor.

	No. of Plants.	No. of Hands.	Capital Invested.	Annual Sales.
Automobiles, bicycles, locks and gunsmiths	15	40	\$21,788	\$53,348
Bakers and confectioners	105	310	880,000	1,842,717
Beer, bottling, mineral waters, ice	15	318	920,000	1,842,717
Blacksmithing and wheelwrighting	58	289	309,115	573,227
Boots and shoes, manufacturing and repairing	160	256	769,356	3,261,077
Bovis, barrels, paper, twine, bags	24	1,962	918,814	3,261,077
Bricks, granite, tile, marble, stone, glass	28	1,215	683,724	1,645,200
Carpentering, contractors, builders, painting	124	1,320	828,643	3,069,123
Carriages, wagons, carts	23	264	299,004	587,234
Clothing, men's merchant tailors, shifts	39	260	367,221	584,333
Clothing, women's dressmakers, millinery	147	321	325,103	98,512
Dairy products, pt. kies, vinegar	21	147	215,175	581,435
Dyeing and cleaning	13	27	29,814	3,261,077
Drugs, medicines, perfumery	92	302	756,137	2,317,692
Electrical, typewriters, wiremakers	23	339	126,702	692,416
Fertilizers, chemicals, cement, lime, grease, tallow, roofing, florists	27	651	5,231,063	8,376,120
Flour, corn meal, yeast powders, flavorings	14	347	656,520	4,110,030
Foundry, machine shops, agricultural imple- ments	37	7,905	5,241,065	9,876,482
Furniture, mattresses, upholstery, picture frames, awnings, cabinet-makers	49	390	325,718	655,129
Jewelers, hair works, photography	43	887	112,009	415,607
Lumber, sash, doors, blinds	16	1,523	478,562	1,925,483
Meats, butchers	122	632	653,281	2,346,301
Painters, varnish, paper hangings, mica	49	139	89,455	168,592
Plumbing, gas, steam fitting, tin, copper- smith, sheet iron	66	351	236,880	977,268
Printing and publishing, book and job binding, blank books, lithography, engrav- ing	51	1,436	2,638,842	8,421,071
Saddlery, harness, hides, leather	21	460	587,148	1,458,529
Tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, cheroots	35	6,350	2,630,110	6,138,453
Tobacco, smoking, chewing, stemming, repris- ing	21	4,976	3,971,082	14,058,553
Woodenware, willowware, trunks, brooms, brushes	12	1,407	2,456,111	2,516,917
	1,554	33,613	\$32,105,445	\$77,432,692

Supreme in Virginia

For the month of December, '06, The Times-Dispatch has printed 25,776 inches of advertising, which was 3,674 inches more than December of '05.

For the year of 1906 The Times-Dispatch has made enormous gains in advertising over its previous records.

In news—
In influence—
In advertising—
It is supreme in Virginia.

GENERAL BOARD WILL REOPEN ASYLUM MATTER

Decides to Give Dr. Foster and Associates Another Hearing

FORMER ACTION IS RESCINDED

All Are Suspended Pending Further Inquiry—Officers Already Chosen Named to Succeed Temporarily—Rehearing at Williamsburg January 14.

Dr. L. S. Foster, Superintendent of the Eastern State Hospital, and his two assistant physicians, who were recommended to vacate their positions on January 1st, are to have another hearing. A result of action taken by the General Board of Directors of State Hospital at a meeting held here last night.

The sum and substance of the meeting is that the action taken on November 21st, removing Drs. Foster, Henderson and Southall, is rescinded, and that the board will hold a meeting at Williamsburg on January 14th, to consider a report of the special committee of the board. Drs. Foster, Henderson and Southall are all suspended pending the further inquiry, and Dr. Brunk, who was named as the successor of the former, is appointed superintendent pro tempore.

The same action was taken with reference to the two assistant physicians, the special board having met later and designated Dr. Hugh C. Henry and Dr. Irene B. Henderson, respectively, to succeed Drs. Henderson and Southall, pending the second physicians, pending final action by the general board.

The Whole Story.

Here is the resolution adopted last night, which practically tells the whole story:

1st. That the aforesaid resolution of November 21, 1906, removing Dr. L. S. Foster, Superintendent of the Eastern State Hospital, and Dr. J. M. Henderson and Dr. P. T. Southall, his assistants, from office be, and the same is hereby, rescinded. That this board do hold a meeting at the Eastern State Hospital, Williamsburg, Va., on the 14th day of January, 1907, at the hour of 12 M., to hear evidence and consider the several matters set out in the report of the special committee of this board, submitted to the board on the 20th and 21st days of November, 1906, as aforesaid, and that Dr. L. S. Foster be, and he hereby is, summoned to appear before this board on that date and show cause, if any he can, why he should not be respectively, to succeed Drs. Henderson and Southall, in the particulars set out in said report, and for the reasons therein stated. And, if for any reason the taking of said evidence and the consideration of the matters aforesaid is not completed on said day, the same will be adjourned from day to day and from time to time until completed.

2d. That by authority of the provisions of the Constitution of Virginia and the laws of this State Dr. L. S. Foster, superintendent, and Dr. J. M. Henderson and Dr. P. T. Southall, assistants, be, and they are hereby, suspended from their respective offices pending the hearing aforesaid, and until the final determination of this board thereon, and the communication thereof to said officers, respectively.

3d. That a copy of these preamble and resolutions be served upon Dr. L. S. Foster, superintendent, and Dr. J. M. Henderson and Dr. P. T. Southall, accordingly.

4th. That the special board of directors of the Eastern State Hospital, hereby instructed to take similar action with respect to a hearing upon the matters aforesaid, and to report the results thereof to this board.

5th. That any party in interest shall have the right to process to require the attendance of witnesses when necessary, as provided by Section 1713 of the Code of Virginia.

Had Long Session.

The board was in session here yesterday practically all day, though there were several recesses. The purpose of getting information and legal advice, and adjournment was had in the afternoon, and a committee, composed of Colonel Lane and Messrs. Osborne and Griffin, was named to consult attorneys. The board adjourned at 10 o'clock, and the adjournment of the night session that took place at Munford, Hinton, Williams & Anderson had been employed to represent the board.

The board then resumed its session, confirmed the report of the subcommittee, and adopted the resolution which is recited above.

The minutes of the meeting set out at length the conditions leading up to this action, and among other things, it incorporates the report of the special committee removing the officers and the report of Dr. Foster to Colonel Lane, declining to give up on January 1st, and the report of the subcommittee, Colonel George Wayne Anderson, who acted for Mr. E. H. Cowles in the legislative investigation last winter, and former client, were in the lobby at Richmond while the board was upstairs, but they had nothing to say on the subject for publication. So far could be learned last night. Dr. Foster was not in the city, but it is understood that he will be represented at the coming inquiry by his former attorney, Colonel Joseph T. Lawless.

PROMINENT ODD-FELLOW DROPS DEAD AT HOME

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SALISBURY, N. C., December 31.—Brookes, aged fifty years, an honor member of the Odd Fellows, dropped dead at his home near this city yesterday. He was apparently in good health when he fell dead. An aged wife survives.